

Listing of Claims:

This listing of the Claims is provided for the Examiner's convenience. No amendments to the claims have been made. Claim 12 has been cancelled without prejudice.

1.(Previously Presented) A knitted fabric consisting essentially of a first, solution dyed component with substantial stretch properties and a second component with substantially lower stretch properties than those of the first component wherein the components are dyed prior to fabric formation for providing a knitted fabric having color-uniformity in both stretched and relaxed states.

2.(Previously Presented) The knitted fabric according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the components is solution dyed.

3.(Previously Presented) The knitted fabric according to claim 1, wherein both of the components are solution dyed.

4.(Previously Presented) The knitted fabric according to claim 1, wherein the fabric is a warp-knitted fabric.

5.(Previously Presented) The knitted fabric according to claim 1, wherein the fabric is a weft-knitted fabric.

6.(Previously Presented) The knitted fabric according to claim 1, wherein the components are dyed separately.

7.(Previously Presented) The knitted fabric according to claim 1, wherein the second component is synthetic.

8.(Previously Presented) The knitted fabric according to claim 7, wherein the second component is polyester.

9.(Previously Presented) The knitted fabric according to claim 1, wherein the components comprise solution dyed thermal heat settable synthetic continuous filament yarns selected from a group consisting of Polyamide (Nylon), Polyester, Olefin (Polypropylene), Spandex, and the like, and combinations thereof.

10.(Previously Presented) The knitted fabric according to claim 1, wherein the fabric includes additives to provide performance properties including anti-bacterial, hydrophylic, hydrophobic, resistance to chlorine, quick drying, and combinations thereof.

11.(Previously Presented) A stretch fabric comprising a first, solution dyed elastomeric component and a second substantially non-elastomeric component wherein the stretch fabric is a fabric formed by interconnecting the first and second components; and wherein the first component and second component are solution-dyed prior to fabric formation thereby providing a stretch fabric having color-uniformity in both stretched and relaxed states.

12.(Previously Cancelled)

13.(Previously Presented) The stretch fabric according to claim 11, wherein the components comprise solution dyed thermal heat settable synthetic continuous filament yarns selected from a group consisting of Polyamide (Nylon), Polyester, Olefin (Polypropylene), Spandex, and the like, and combinations thereof.

14.(Previously Presented) A method of making a stretch fabric comprising the steps of: providing a first yarn component and a second yarn component for inclusion in a fabric; dyeing the yarn components separately; and fabricating a fabric from the yarn components, the first component having substantial stretch properties and the second component having substantially lower stretch properties than those of the first component, thereby providing a stretch fabric having color-uniformity in both stretched and relaxed states.

15.(Previously Presented) The method according to claim 14, wherein the step of fabricating the fabric includes manufacturing by knitting, weaving, non-woven or other fabric manufacturing process.

16.(Original) The method according to claim 14, further including the steps of scouring the fabric and/or treating the fabric.

17.(Original) The method according to claim 16, wherein the step of treating the fabric includes applying a finish for enhanced fabric performance.

18.(Original) The method according to claim 17, wherein the finish includes anti-microbial, stain resistant, water resistant, water repellant, wicking agents and/or treatments, and combinations thereof.

19.(Original) The method according to claim 14, further including the steps of fabric processing including garment manufacturing or any steps in preparation therefore.